



PATENT APPLICATION IFW

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Philip E. NELSON et al.

For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STERILIZING  
FOOD CONTAINERS

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Commissioner for Patents

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2006,  
please amend the above application as follows: